OFFICIAL LETTER FROM PRIME MINISTER

PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE, JERUSALEM

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Jerusalem

Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

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Dear Dr. King,

I have heard with great interest of your intention to lead a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. It will be a distinct pleasure to welcome you and your friends to our shores and to meet one of the outstanding champions of freedom and justice of our time.

The tens of thousands of Christian pilgrims who visit the Holy Land annually bear with them a message of goodwill and peace. The religious nature of their pilgrimage is fully respected by Israelis and Jordanians alike.

I have asked my colleagues in the Government departments concerned and our national airline to extend to you every possible cooperation for the implementation of your plans. You should be hearing from them directly very shortly.

With all good wishes,

Levi Eshkol
Prime Minister of Israel